



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Douglas A. SCHEIN et al.

Group Art Unit: 3734

Application No.: 10/646,801

Examiner: D. YABUT

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Docket No.: 115621

For: CANNULAS, CANNULA MOUNT ASSEMBLIES, AND CLAMPING METHODS
USING SUCH CANNULAS AND CANNULA MOUNT ASSEMBLIES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the April 16, 2007 Restriction/Election of Species Requirement, the period being extended by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-44 with traverse. Applicants also provisionally elect Species 4, Figures 18-23, with traverse. Claims 1-23, and 36-44 read on the elected species. Claims 1-8, 36-40, and 42-43 are generic to all species. Claims 9-14, and 18-23 are generic to at least species 1 and 4.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims and species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims or species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims/species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the